



## False Claims Act

False Claims Act and *qui tam* allegations alleging fraudulent Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement are major concerns and risk areas for all hospitals and health systems. Because Krieg DeVault lawyers fully understand the high stakes involved – including criminal sentences and multi-million dollar fines and penalties as a result of fines per claim submitted and treble damages – we are skilled at assisting clients mitigate risks and in providing effective defenses. Our clients receive vigorous representation in all phases of administrative, civil and criminal litigation involving allegations of False Claims Act violations, including *qui tam* whistle-blower cases. Krieg DeVault has assisted numerous clients nation-wide with Medicare and Medicaid audits that pose False Claims Act liability. We also assist clients with Stark Act issues that may implicate the False Claims Act. Often we are able to negotiate settlement agreements and Corporate Integrity Agreements (CIAs) with the Department of Justice and the Office of Inspector General, and in such instances help our clients implement the terms of such agreements.

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